

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Original claims 1-6 and amended claims 1-6: (Cancelled)

Claim 7 (new): A mounting bracket for a gutter for buildings, the gutter including a generally channel or trough shaped body for collecting water with an internal wall having a gutter mounting thereon, the mounting bracket including an elongated bracket body which includes an attachment section which is attachable to the building and a gutter mounting section, the gutter mounting section including a plurality of gutter retaining clips arranged along with the gutter mounting section, the arrangement being such that when the bracket is attached to the building the clips are aligned so as to correspond to a fall required when the gutter is in an installed position, the retaining clips being adapted to cooperate with the gutter mounting to retain the gutter in the installed position.

Claim 8 (new): A mounting bracket according to claim 7, wherein said elongated bracket body includes a generally U-shaped portion, one leg thereof being the attachment section and the other leg thereof being the gutter mounting section, the legs of the U-shaped portion being spaced apart so as to provide a recess therebetween for receiving part of the internal wall of the gutter therein when the gutter is in the installed position.

Claim 9 (new): A mounting bracket according to claim 8, wherein the gutter retaining clips include projections which extend into the recess and are adapted to cooperate with the mounting means on the internal wall of the gutter so as to retain the gutter in the installed position.

Claim 10 (new): A mounting bracket according to claim 9, wherein the mounting means on the internal wall of the gutter is a raised elongated rib which in the installed position is disposed within the recess and inhibited from removal by said projections.

Claim 11 (new): A mounting bracket according to claim 9, wherein said projections are hook-like elements pressed or punched out of the gutter mounting section.

Claim 12 (new): A mounting bracket according to claim 8, further including a plurality of access apertures in the gutter mounting section for providing access to the attachment section when it is being attached to the building.